

Senate Resolution 87

By: Senators Smith of the 52nd, Thomas of the 54th, Mullis of the 53rd, Pearson of the 51st and Heath of the 31st

ADOPTED

A RESOLUTION

Urging the Georgia Department of Human Resources to name the district health office building to be built at Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital in honor of Dr. Raymond F. Corpe; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, during the course of his extraordinary career, Dr. Raymond F. Corpe touched the lives of countless patients as a pioneer of tuberculosis research; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from medical school at the University of Illinois College in Chicago, after which he served his country honorably as a commissioned officer of the United States Public Health Service from 1943 to 1952; and

WHEREAS, after serving three years as chief of surgery at Battey State Hospital (now known as Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital), he became the hospital's superintendent; and

WHEREAS, under his direction, the physicians of Battey State Hospital spearheaded many revolutionary developments in the treatment of tuberculosis, including the discovery of the "Battey Strain" of the deadly disease; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Corpe's research in developing a drug treatment for tuberculosis has allowed those infected with tuberculosis to be treated at home through drug regimens rather than surgery or institutionalization; and

WHEREAS, thanks to his able leadership and brilliant contributions as a researcher, his hospital became one of the most renowned tuberculosis treatment centers in the world, serving as a beacon of hope to patients everywhere; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Corpe has left an enduring legacy to our children through his noble efforts to make this world a healthier and happier place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the members of this body urge the Georgia Department of Human Resources to name the district health office building to be built at Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital in honor of Dr. Raymond F. Corpe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Raymond F. Corpe.